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THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1907.

It will save time and trouble hereafter if some of the Central American states will keep blank apology forms among the official stationery.

It is rather hard for Secretary Taft to do serious work in Ohio and still keep one eye on all the lids of neighboring countries and dependencies.

The police in New York are shutting up all the gambling joints, and so the fool and his money will have to find some other method of separation.

It is currently reported that Mr. Bryan is at work on a new set of ideas, all the best of his old ones having been shamelessly appropriated by the Administration.

George Bernard Shaw says he would guillotine the stingy rich. But he cannot force them to patronize his plays or his books, the constitution guaranteeing immunity from "cruel and unusual punishments".

Probably the most of the politicians who are advocating a third term for the president know he will not take it but think it will be pretty safe as a matter of record to point out at home that they were for him anyhow.

Mayor Schmitz and Abe Reuf in San Francisco are having a neck and neck race as to which shall be allowed to turn state's evidence. But if the things they say about each other are true, the District Attorney will be very sad if he is not able to prosecute both of them.

It looks as though there would be no primaries in Ohio this spring or summer. If this is the decision it will mean first blood for the Foraker forces in the coming campaign, but the Taft people say that they will be almost as well satisfied because it will mean that Senator Foraker has had to back down from his own chosen stand of submitting the decision to the people at a primary election. Of course, the Foraker forces have the state machine. Secretary Taft and his friends are about as well organized as they can ever hope to be. But the longer the primary election is put off the stronger the position of Senator Foraker will be. There is a provision in the state constitution that local and national elections shall not be held in the same year. This is a local election season, and it is claimed by the Foraker people that to hold the primaries now would violate the spirit of the constitution. This is the claim on which they will depend to put off the election. It may be to their advantage to postpone it. Anyhow, it shows that they are badly enough alarmed to take no chances and to that extent it shows that the Taft element is a serious one in the equation.

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There has been some heated discussion recently over the question of whether our warships are honestly built in private shipyards. Charles Cramp has come out in a heated defense of the private ship builder, and there are a number of naval officers and others who insist that the government is the only one to build warships and ships otherwise built are not and never can be the real thing. Fortunately this discussion, to use a favorite phrase of the president, is largely academic. This country has not been engaged in a war for some years, and it is to be devoutly hoped that it will not be again for many years to come. At the same time, it might be recollected that in the past American warships, whether built in government or private yards, have given a tolerably good account of themselves. In fact, there is very little to criticize in the performance of any American warship when it comes to the test. John Paul Jones scraped up his original fleet anywhere. Some were captured, all were private built, and the most were not even seaworthy. Yet he managed to give a tolerably good account of himself. The Constitution was built in a private yard, and yet she did a few things that people remember. So far as modern ironclads are concerned, there are a number of Spanish naval officers out of a job yet who might testify as to their all round efficiency, and yet one of the most effective vessels in the fight at Santiago was a "lame duck", the old Texas, and built in a government yard at that. Really, we have not much reason to quarrel over American warships, however they are built.

By way of making up to the diplomats and foreign naval officers for what happened to them at Jamestown, the government is arranging for a big state dinner or luncheon or some similar function for them at the White House. This is as it should be. The vaunted hospitality of the South balked and broke down under the pressure of the crowd on the opening day at Jamestown and a number of things happened that must have made the foreigners think that Dickens was not far wrong in his "American Notes", anyway. All the Diplomatic Corps was at the opening of the exposition. Going they were tolerably well taken care of. There were fifty hacks and other conveyances to meet them at the wharf and take them to the exposition grounds. Where they scraped up fifty hacks in Norfolk will have to be left to the imagination of those who have been there at other times, but conveyances there were according to all reports. Then came the awful home coming. When the diplomats came to depart, they found that the rude, rough hoppeloid, the graceless populace, had looted the hack stand and there was not a carriage to be had for love or money. Then these pampered children of fortune, the real exquisite things that are seen on Connecticut avenue of an afternoon, had to walk themselves a mile and a half over a common, dusty road to regain their boat. Worse than that, they had to struggle with the mob for a ham sandwich and a sinker in the waiting room. It was too bad, but it will be somewhat made up to them in official entertainment at the White House in the next fortnight.

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COURT HOUSE NEWS.

PROBATE COURT.

Report of sale of real estate at private sale filed and same confirmed in estate of George Searls.

Final account filed in guardianship of Ruth May King, in guardianship of Maude Faulkner and in estate of Rebecca Hetsler. Application filed to lease real estate and to sell personal property in guardianship of Maude Faulkner.

First account filed in guardianship of Cornelia Reid.

Report of sale of personal property at private sale filed in estate of Frederick Thumm.

Henry Laver was appointed guardian of Ruth May King. Bond \$2000.

Mandate from Circuit court filed in case of Joint Board of County Commissioners of Darke, Miami and Shelby counties vs Big Four R'y Co. Cause remanded back for trial in Probate court.

State of Ohio vs Ora Kendall. Information filed charging obtaining goods by false representation; plea of guilty entered and sentence deferred.

Jacob Selby was appointed as guardian of Bessie May Selby. Bond \$400.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Alonzo E. Cable, 25, teacher, and Myrtle Ardinger, 18, both of Greenville.

Harry McCool, 21, farmer, Miami county, and Pearl Westfall, 23, Franklin township.

Lew H. Gentner, 32, farmer, Jackson township, and Hattie Dixon, 32, Greenville.

Wm. E. Williams, 27, glass blower, Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Cordelia Houk, 30, Greenville.

Arthur Stickel, 22, teamster, and Opha Roberts, 21, both of Greenville.

Hurschel M. Resor, 27, laborer, Union City, and Elsie Norris, 26, Mississinawa township.

COMMON PLEAS COURT.

NEW CASES.

18436—Greenville Building Co. v Harry Johnson et al; for \$630.76 and foreclosure of mortgage.

18437—Frank Kimble v Dellie Kimble; for divorce.

COMMON PLEAS DECISIONS.

Bessie May Brinkman vs Jacob Brinkman. Divorce granted and plaintiff restored to her maiden name of Bessie May Winn.

P. Odlin & Co. vs Workman & Dailey. Cancellation of described mortgage ordered.

John Howard, surviving assignee of Peter Odlin, vs B. F. Weaver & Bro. Same entry as case above.

Albert Harter et al. vs C. C. C. & St. L. R'y Co. Plaintiff to recover from defendant \$1058 in satisfaction of all claims.

Lydia Dershem vs I. F. Rehmer et al. Partition sale to be made of described premises.

Elizabeth H. Culbertson vs Wm. M. Harper. Demurrer to first and second defenses contained in answer of defendant sustained; defendant admits the execution of a note of \$265 January 1, 1896, with 8 per cent interest, and that said note was to be received by him in payment as in the petition set out and the court finds plaintiff is entitled to the relief prayed for in her petition.

Laurinda Downing vs Mary E. Bicknell et al. On application of the plaintiff leave was granted to annex a copy of said will to the said petition; plaintiff granted leave to file an amended petition herein by May 6.

W. H. Wolcott vs Lizzie Wolcott. Dismissed on motion of plaintiff at his costs.

Dottie Webster vs Lodema Gregg et al. Court ordered distribution of funds.

In the matter of the application of Ralph C. Jones for a writ of habeas corpus, the court finds in favor of the respondent, Chas. O. Weede, and awards the care, custody and control of the said Henry H. Weede to Charles O. Weede.

Jasper Slutterbeck vs Oliver Besecker, administrator, etc. Demurrer to petition overruled; and

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court finds there is due plaintiff \$130 from defendant.

Charles Schlechty vs Willis Schlechty et al. L. E. Kerlin appointed guardian ad litem for Virgil Schlechty, minor defendant herein; partition to be made of described premises.

REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Elias Fettes to C. O. Niswonger, lot in Arnettville, \$1200.

A. D. Helfrick to Julius Frieberg, lot in New Madison, \$1200.

Julius Frieberg to C. H. Mike-sell, lot in New Madison, \$1200.

Laura Myers to W. H. Horner, two lots in Gettysburg, \$200.

Iona Lott to Simon McGriff, a small tract in Greenville, \$1700.

Abraham Harless to J. E. Owens, lot in Greenville, \$2800.

H. T. Bertram to Martha Bertram, 12½ acres in Patterson township, \$1000.

M. F. Vantilburgh to William Ludy, lot in Greenville, \$700.

H. H. Hetsler to Daniel Broek, 79 acres in Brown twp, \$8690.

Pharo Baker to Samuel Baker, 10 acres in Van Buren township, \$1250.

Ellen Maher to Iona Lott, a small tract in Greenville, \$1500.

O. and R. Williamson to Allen & Wheeler Co., two lots in Versailles, \$425.

Augustus Snyder to Mary L. Reinhart, lot in Greenville, \$1800.

N. Reed to W. H. Bigham, 3½ acres in Wayne township, \$650.

Frank Marchal to Mary Marchal, 39 acres in Wabash township, \$3600.

Anna Arnett to Tobias Arnett, 3½ acres \$400, 19½ acres \$2000, 80 acres \$7000, 43½ acres \$6000, all in Monroe township.

Tobias Arnett to Anna Arnett, two lots in Arnettville and 2½ acres in Monroe township, \$3500.

C. A. Kruckeberg to Cornelius Fourman, 205½ acres in Greenville township, \$9000.

M. A. Smith, administrator, to W. Sipple, 4 acres in Greenville township, \$625.

M. Barnhart to J. H. Miles et al, 80 acres in Neave township, \$4000.

Ira Avery to William Sipple, a small tract in Greenville twp, \$50.

Alonzo Thomas to H. Tillman, lot in Greenville, \$600.

John W. Spidel to John Sanders, 1½ acres in Harrison township, \$400.

Grant Myers to George Fourman, 18½ acres in Adams township, \$1844.

M. Neubauer to John Ludy, a lot in Greenville, \$40.

Silas Ayers to Elizabeth Niswonger, 50 acres in Van Buren township, \$875.

J. W. Ketting to George Wolf, small tract in Harrison township, \$115.

J. and C. Hill to A. Hill, 39½ acres in Harrison twp, \$3042.65.

The Oxer Canning Co. to The

Sanitary Packing Co., a small tract in German township, \$455.

A. E. Hill, administrator, to Garfield Armacost, ½ acre in Harrison township, \$550.

R. T. Anderson, trustee, to Amanda Trissel, 28 acres in Monroe township, \$2800.

A QUEER PEOPLE IN AFRICA.

Major Powell-Cotton has found a strange people in Africa. They spend their whole time on the water of Lake Albert Edward. Their homes are all built on floating platforms anchored to long poles. The main floating village consists of thirty huts, while two others comprise ten and seven respectively. Some of these grass huts are built around a small square platform about twenty-five feet by ten feet. This forms the common back yard and practically the world of the children. Birds of all kinds—flamingoes, pelicans and marabou—fly around regardless of the presence of man, while groups of women, girls and children cluster on the edges of their floating homes. The people are healthy, well fed and good looking and rarely marry outside their own community, for they say a land woman would be useless and unhappy if compelled to live in their lake villages.

Development in Surgery.

Surgical grafting, still in its infancy, has extended with the development of antiseptic methods and now includes tissues of all kinds, parts of organs and even entire organs. Professor Garre cites the successful transplanting of pieces of skin as large as the palm of the hand, of the tip of a toe upon a maimed finger, of a fatty tumor to replace an amputated breast, of pieces of veins and arteries and of kidneys. Bone grafting has become of great importance. The thyroid gland of a woman was transplanted upon the spleen of her four-year-old idiot child, and the astonishing result was that nine months later the child was developing mentally and learning to walk and talk. Muscle, sinew, nerve and teeth graftings have failed.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Assassin Got the Ticket.

A Russian journal tells the story of how the murderer of General Lumnitz, prefect of St. Petersburg, obtained admission to the semi-official party at which the deed was committed. After the crime all the guests were detained and their tickets were examined. There was one ticket the rightful holder of which was not present. It was no other than that of Premier Stolypin himself. The murder had been committed under cover of the invitation ticket of no less a personage than the prime minister. The premier had not been able to go, and his ticket fell into the hands of a member of the secret police named Nakolene. He resold it to the revolutionists for \$16,000.

Wood Pulp Silk.

Natural silk is soon to be entirely replaced by wood pulp, as madder and indigo have been supplanted by artificial products, in the opinion of the German Association of Chemical Industry. A new Belgian silk, that of Dr. Thiele, is among the latest advances. In this a thread of forty filaments is substituted for that of eight or nine in natural silk, and the thread is less tubular, more pliant and of better covering power than artificial silks with fewer strands. This process, like some others, is adapted for making artificial horse-hair.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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